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SUBJECT: ARRIVAL OF MILITARY SURVEY TEAM IN SUDAN

REF: A. STATE 160093; B. KHARTOUM 2384

1. ON JULY 21, DEPARTMENT SENT TO DEFENSE FORMAL REQUEST FOR MILITARY SURVEY TEAM FOR SUDAN WHICH REQUESTED THAT TEAM COMPLETE ITS MISSION BEFORE RAMADAN (AUGUST 15). DEFENSE HAS RESPONDED THAT ORGANIZING AND BRIEFING SUCH A TEAM WOULD ORDINARILY REQUIRE 8-9 WEEKS. THEY ARE PREPARED, HOWEVER, TO ORGANIZE SUCH A TEAM ON A CRASH BASIS AND DISPATCH IT AUGUST 2, WHICH WOULD PERMIT ONLY 11 CALENDAR DAYS OF ON-SITE WORK BEFORE RAMADAN WHEREAS SUCH SURVEYS USUALLY REQUIRE 2-3 WEEKS. DEFENSE POINTS OUT SUCH A CRASH PROJECT MAY, THEREFORE, SUFFER IN TERMS OF THOROUGHNESS. THE PROBLEM COULD BE OVERCOME IF THE SUDAN
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GOV WERE TO INSTRUCT THEIR MILITARY OFFICIALS TO WORK WITH THE TEAM INTO RAMADAN PERIOD.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY VIEWS AS TO WHETHER THE POLITICAL BENEFITS WHICH THE RAPID DISPATCH OF THE TEAM WOULD BE EXPECTED TO REAP WOULD OFFSET THE RISK OF A POSSIBLE UNSATISFACTORY REPORT. GIVEN THE INTERPOSITION

OF RAMADAN PLUS DOD'S ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS WOULD

NIMEIRI ACCEPT THE ARRIVAL OF THE TEAM IN MID-SEPTEMBER
AS SUFFICIENTLY RESPONSIVE TO HIS REQUEST THAT THE TEAM
BE SENT "AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE?"

3. REQUEST YOU COMMENT ON TIMING ISSUE BY TELEGRAM FOR
GENERAL DISTRIBUTION, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THIS MESSAGE.

4. HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM ISA THAT QUALITY OF TEAM
MEMBERS DOES NOT POSE PROBLEM EVEN IF TEAM DISPATCHED
AUGUST 2. ONLY QUESTION UNRESOLVED IS WHETHER TEAM
COULD PERFORM EFFECTIVELY DURING RAMADAN PERIOD. VANCE

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